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Weekly factory wages and personal income rose to all-time highs in October when employment was down slightly and unemployment was up one-tenth of one percent, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The number of people working in nonfarm jobs dropped by 400 in October to 1,431,900 which was 3,000 higher than 1980 (Page 2). Several layoffs in the aircraft and parts sector of the transportation equipment industry were reflected in a manufacturing employment drop, offset by a 3,200 increase in nonmanufacturing jobs. Twelve of the 16 labor market areas recorded monthly employment increases (Pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose $3.97 to a record high $321.31 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 41.3 hours (Page 3). Average hourly earnings were recorded at $7.78 per hour, a rise of four cents from September. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, hourly earnings were $7.48 or $299.38 per week compared with $7.47 and $298.80 straight-time earnings in September. This month's figures represent a 7 percent gain over October 1980. During the same period the U.S. Consumer Price Index rose by about 10 percent. Workers in Bristol, Ansonia, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Britain received the highest weekly wages (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment moved up to 97,900 or 6.1 percent of the labor force from September's 96,100 and 6 percent rate (Page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 6.7 percent and continued well below the national figure of 8 percent. There were 30 states with higher unemployment rates than Connecticut during September. Eight labor market areas had increases in unemployment which dropped in three others and remained steady in five (Page 4).

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were off for the month with the exception of improvement in the average workweek and personal income gains (Page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1981

	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. (R) 1980	% Change Oct. '81 over Sept.'81	% Change Oct. '81 over Oct. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,431,900*	1,432,300*	1,428,900	- 0.0**	+ 0.2
Manufacturing.....	432,200*	435,800	435,700	- 0.8	- 0.8
Metallic Manufacturing...	312,800*	316,600	318,300	- 1.2	- 1.7
Primary Metals.....	20,200	20,600	19,900	- 1.9	+ 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	64,600	64,600	64,000	0.0	+ 0.9
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	59,300	59,800	61,500	- 0.8	- 3.6
Electrical Equipment....	51,800*	51,900	50,400	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Transportation Equip....	81,700	84,200	87,700	- 3.0	- 6.8
Instruments & Clocks....	27,300	27,700	26,600	- 1.4	+ 2.6
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,900	7,800	8,200	+ 1.3	- 3.7
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	119,400	119,200	117,400	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Food.....	12,400	12,400	12,700	0.0	- 2.4
Textiles.....	8,100	8,100	8,000	0.0	+ 1.3
Apparel.....	11,900	11,800	11,000	+ 0.8	+ 8.2
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,600	6,600	6,800	0.0	- 2.9
Paper.....	9,800	9,900	9,700	- 1.0	+ 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	24,600	24,300	24,000	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Chemicals.....	19,300	19,200	18,500	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	13,100	13,500	13,700	- 3.0	- 4.4
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,600	13,400	13,000	+ 1.5	+ 4.6
Nonmanufacturing.....	999,700*	996,500*	993,200	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Construction.....	52,400*	52,300*	51,000	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,100	31,100	32,600	0.0	- 4.6
Communications.....	18,400	18,400	17,900	0.0	+ 2.8
Utilities.....	11,100	11,200	11,000	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Trade.....	299,700	300,000	300,900	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale.....	75,000	75,000	74,800	0.0	+ 0.3
Retail.....	157,700	156,800	160,500	+ 0.6	- 1.7
Restaurants.....	67,000	68,200	65,600	- 1.8	+ 2.1
Finance & Real Estate...	47,600	47,800	45,500	- 0.4	+ 4.6
Insurance.....	62,600	62,600	60,100	0.0	+ 4.2
Service.....	299,600	298,600	291,200	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Hotels.....	5,600	5,800	6,000	- 3.5	- 6.7
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,000	13,900	13,900	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Health Services.....	99,600	99,400	96,400	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Law & Professional.....	20,700	20,600	20,100	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Other Services.....	159,700	158,900	154,800	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Government.....	177,200	174,500	183,000	+ 1.5	- 3.2
Federal.....	21,600	21,700	21,400	- 0.5	+ 0.9
State & Local.....	155,600	152,800	161,600	+ 1.8	- 3.7

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.5 percent
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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - O C T O B E R 1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$321.31	$317.34	$301.29	41.3	41.0	41.5	$7.78	$7.74	$7.26
Metallic Manufacturing.....	334.02	328.75	312.57	41.7	41.3	41.9	8.01	7.96	7.46
Primary Metals.....	375.80	372.37	328.92	43.8	43.4	41.9	8.58	8.58	7.85
Fabricated Metals.....	306.91	304.68	279.30	42.1	42.2	41.5	7.29	7.22	6.73
Machinery.....	359.98	350.67	336.90	42.5	42.3	42.7	8.47	8.29	7.89
Electrical Equipment.....	271.17	263.97	244.82	40.9	40.3	40.6	6.63	6.55	6.03
Transportation Equipment....	383.04	384.40	363.66	39.9	40.0	41.8	9.60	9.61	8.70
Instruments and Clocks.....	318.28	307.30	296.04	43.6	42.8	43.6	7.30	7.18	6.79
Other Metallic Mfg.....	278.81	272.95	254.62	41.8	41.8	41.2	6.67	6.53	6.18
Nonmetallic Manufacturing....	287.43	288.15	272.02	40.2	40.3	40.6	7.15	7.15	6.70
Food.....	302.74	303.69	302.94	40.8	40.6	41.9	7.42	7.48	7.23
Textiles.....	242.40	238.17	221.39	40.4	40.3	40.4	6.00	5.91	5.48
Apparel.....	184.57	185.64	169.67	35.7	35.7	36.1	5.17	5.20	4.70
Lumber & Furniture.....	239.98	237.96	225.07	40.4	40.4	40.7	5.94	5.89	5.53
Paper.....	368.34	370.30	351.18	45.7	46.0	46.7	8.06	8.05	7.52
Printing & Publishing.....	288.88	295.20	268.96	36.2	36.9	37.2	7.98	8.00	7.23
Chemicals.....	356.12	347.68	334.91	41.7	41.0	41.5	8.54	8.48	8.07
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....	269.53	275.98	268.46	40.9	41.5	40.8	6.59	6.65	6.58
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	313.22	313.32	290.79	42.1	42.0	42.7	7.44	7.46	6.81
Construction.....	454.48	434.88	456.51	36.8	35.5	39.8	12.35	12.25	11.47

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Oct. 1981 Number	Oct. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. 1981 Number	Sept. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. 1980 (R) Number	Oct. 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	97,900	6.1	96,100	6.0	88,000	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.7)		(6.7)		(6.1)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,500	9.0	1,500	9.1	1,600	9.2
Bridgeport.....	12,300	6.3	11,700	6.0	11,600	5.8
Bristol.....	3,200	8.9	2,800	8.1	3,200	8.7
Danbury.....	5,500	6.0	5,300	5.8	4,700	5.2
Danielson.....	2,700	9.3	2,600	9.0	2,400	8.4
Hartford.....	22,400	5.8	21,700	5.6	18,000	4.6
Meriden.....	2,400	8.9	2,300	8.8	1,900	7.4
Middletown.....	3,400	5.7	3,300	5.5	2,700	4.5
New Britain.....	5,300	6.8	5,300	6.8	4,500	5.8
New Haven.....	13,100	6.5	13,000	6.5	12,700	6.2
New London-Norwich.....	6,500	6.1	6,500	6.1	6,200	5.8
Norwalk.....	3,200	4.2	3,300	4.3	2,900	3.9
Stamford.....	4,700	3.9	5,100	4.2	4,600	3.8
Torrington.....	3,100	7.8	3,100	7.6	2,600	6.3
Waterbury.....	7,400	6.9	7,400	6.9	7,300	6.7
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.9	1,200	4.9	1,100	4.4
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,024,000	7.5	7,687,000	7.3	7,482,000	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(8.0)		(7.5)		(7.6)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '81	Sept. '81	Oct. '80
All Items.....	279.9	279.3	253.9
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+10.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Oct.'81	Sept.'81	Oct.'80(R)	Percent Change to October'81 from: Sept.'81	Oct.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,480	8,360	8,700	+ 1.4	- 2.5
Manufacturing	3,040	2,980	3,220	+ 2.0	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,440	5,380	5,480	+ 1.1	- 0.7
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	173,970*	173,410	173,420	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	66,870*	66,930	64,850	- 0.1	+ 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	107,100	106,480	108,570	+ 0.6	- 1.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,620	23,450	23,890	+ 0.7	- 1.1
Manufacturing	9,860	9,800	10,470	+ 0.6	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,760	13,650	13,420	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,470	66,110	65,180	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	21,680	21,910	21,450	- 1.0	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	44,790	44,200	43,730	+ 1.3	+ 2.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,210	20,310	19,970	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	9,280	9,490	9,080	- 2.2	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	10,930	10,820	10,890	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,720*	400,770*	403,120*	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Manufacturing	94,820*	96,800	99,350*	- 2.0	- 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	306,900*	303,970*	303,770	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,530	21,390	21,360	+ 0.7	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	5,530	5,710	5,810	- 3.2	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	16,000	15,680	15,550	+ 2.0	+ 2.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,630	46,600(R)	47,230*	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	15,200	15,470	16,230	- 1.7	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	31,430	31,130(R)	31,000*	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,530	65,700	65,610*	+ 1.3	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	29,490	29,600	29,610*	- 0.4	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	37,040	36,100	36,000	+ 2.6	+ 2.9
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	193,970	193,540	195,090*	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Manufacturing	38,900	39,200	41,840*	- 0.8	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	155,070	154,340	153,250	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	93,800*	95,130*	92,940	- 1.4	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	34,670*	35,270	34,920	- 1.7	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	59,130*	59,860*	58,020	- 1.2	+ 1.9
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,160	64,060	62,810	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	21,640	21,610	20,780	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	42,520	42,450	42,030	+ 0.2	+ 1.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Oct.'81	Sept.'81	Oct.'80 (R)	Percent Change to October'81 from: Sept.'81	Oct.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,350	112,020	109,200	- 0.6	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	31,000	30,790	31,590	+ 0.7	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	80,350	81,230	77,610	- 1.1	+ 3.5
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,050	29,240	29,550	- 0.6	- 1.7
Manufacturing	10,260	10,210	10,410	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,790	19,030	19,140	- 1.3	- 1.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	89,160	89,140	88,510	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	33,220	33,270	32,780	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	55,940	55,870	55,730	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,160	19,530	20,090	+ 3.2	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	2,940	2,950	2,930	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	17,220	16,580	17,160	+ 3.9	+ 0.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - OCTOBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980	Oct. 1981	Sept. 1981	Oct. 1980
Ansonia	$376.66	$364.65	$329.60	43.9	42.9	41.2	$8.58	$8.50	$8.00
Bridgeport	339.20	339.58	315.23	42.4	42.5	42.2	8.00	7.99	7.47
Bristol	357.29	362.71	323.08	40.1	40.8	39.4	8.91	8.89	8.20
Danbury	317.12	306.59	295.91	43.5	42.7	44.1	7.29	7.18	6.71
Danielson	254.39	256.32	236.25	37.8	38.2	37.5	6.73	6.71	6.30
Hartford	336.61	332.51	324.59	40.9	40.6	42.1	8.23	8.19	7.71
Meriden	288.40	284.90	257.11	41.2	40.7	39.8	7.00	7.00	6.46
Middletown	328.35	329.60	316.31	39.8	40.0	40.5	8.25	8.24	7.81
New Britain	332.06	324.90	310.06	42.3	41.6	41.9	7.85	7.81	7.40
New Haven	300.60	302.04	282.80	39.5	39.9	40.4	7.61	7.57	7.00
New London-Norwich	325.21	329.25	303.62	40.1	40.9	40.7	8.11	8.05	7.46
Norwalk	321.90	328.70	313.69	43.5	44.6	45.2	7.40	7.37	6.94
Stamford	300.12	292.98	284.69	41.0	40.3	41.2	7.32	7.27	6.91
Torrington	235.42	238.80	223.51	39.5	40.0	39.7	5.96	5.97	5.63
Waterbury	273.19	269.93	255.42	41.9	41.4	41.6	6.52	6.52	6.14
Willimantic	256.62	264.02	267.89	42.0	43.0	45.1	6.11	6.14	5.94

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.[illegible]	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7	1.5	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2	1.8	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1427.9	1436.5	1.4	1.5	8374	5389	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1419.3	1433.6	1.9	1.6	5877	6154	6.3	6.5
Sep....	1432.3	1428.0	1.8	1.5	3896	6194	6.0	6.7
Oct....	1431.9	1424.8	1.3(P)	1.2(P)	4729	6814	6.1	6.7
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....	2943.5	9219	8335	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.1
Aug....	2966.9	9888	8908	41.3	41.8	104.7	118.3
Sep....	2977.0	8120	10025	41.0	41.1	119.3	117.2
Oct....	2987.1	8742	8216	41.3	41.2	119.2	116.6
Nov....							
Dec....							

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